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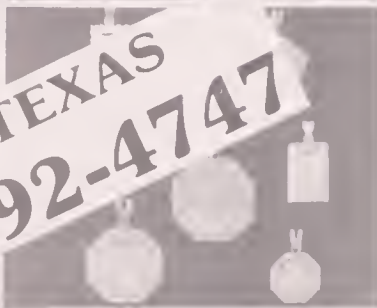
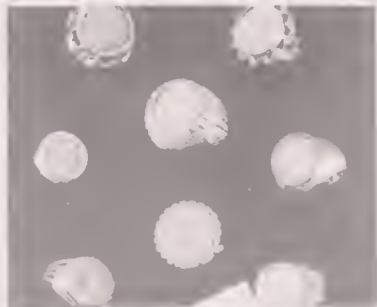
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Next month Glen Littrell will tell our readers about his first silver dollar. Watch for it!

REMEMBER The  
**1<sup>st</sup>** of February is the  
deadline for the  
March issue of **TNA  
NEWS.**

# WILL INTEREST IN COIN COLLECTING BE UP OR DOWN IN 1984?

## ... some observations

We polled 15 TNA members (6 responded) on what they thought about our numismatic hobby in 1984 as to whether or not interest would be up or down. The question: "FROM YOUR OBSERVATION, DO YOU THINK INTEREST IN NUMISMATICS WILL GO UP OR DOWN IN 1984? WHY?" Here are the replies:

Alan H. Goldsmith, Lakeland Coin Exchange of Houston, said his observation was: "Interest will continue to decline as more investors and or collectors bring out past purchases from the 'boom times' and discover that the quality coins they own are really not as high of a grade as they were purported to be at the time of sale. Until a lot of the unscrupulous dealers are censored from shows, the rest of us who continually have to face these disillusioned collectors and or investors to show them why their holdings are not worth what they believe them to be, have the unenviable task of trying to maintain their interest and regain their trust in numismatics.

"A second factor affecting the decline is the state of economy which does not seem to be in recovery as is claimed.

"I hope that my observation is incorrect and that all dealers and leaders of numismatic organiza-

tions strive to encourage more young people into the hobby."

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From Fort Worth comes this observation: John Luke of Luke's Supply, Inc. writes "Interest in numismatics will go down steadily over the next year and years to come. First of all most dealers forgot the collectors when the gold and silver boom hit and the investor is no longer interested since prices went down. There is no abundance of items for the collector to collect (from coinage) and at the rate we're going we won't have a need for coinage in the near future.

"We are in the wholesale supply business and there is marked decline in collector supplies and most dealers state they do not have many collectors left. Very few people collect and buy coins anymore for the enjoyment of the hobby. Most people buy coins because they feel that eventually they will have a good investment. Small dealers in general are hurting for business and large dealers are interested in bullion sales. If the trend continues we won't have many real coin dealers left "

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E.L. (Bob) Bills of Pontotoc (yes, it's in Texas) wrote that "Most

collectors and investors are knowledgeable enough to watch the inflation rate and they know the extra money being created by the Federal Reserve means inflation. Last month the rate jumped to almost 2% and that equals 23% per year. Gold and silver will respond to inflation and interest in numismatics will increase accordingly.

"I believe we must work harder to stop counterfeits and altered coins. If we fail to stop them, our hobby will surely find it hard to maintain the necessary new recruits to hold values above bullion prices of gold and silver."

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And from the icy north (Sidney, Ohio) Courtney L. Coffing, recent retiree from the **Coin World** staff, observed: "Numismatics, both for the collector of coins of the United States and world coins, will enjoy a high in 1984.

"Dominating interest will be the Olympics, with countless commemorative coins available to fill spaces for those who collect coins of the Olympics; commemorative coins; sport themes; and world coins. Doubtless several nations will be commemorating the event with coins.

"A rebound in the economy will trail into numismatics, broadening the base of collectors and continuing for those who can afford to buy coins in the best conditions.

"Negatives seen in the hobby which should be avoided, in my opinion, are the leeches who have

promoted coin and bullion swindles, fading away in the dusk but not producing the coins and bullion, escaping under the guise of bankruptcy; investors who don't know a coin from a lead plug; the Krugerrand argument, injecting politics and phony race issues in numismatics; the stumbling of the U.S. Treasury and Mint as they try to establish a sensible coin policy; and too many coin shows, diluting efforts of exhibitors, dealers and resources of clubs.

"Things which can be sharpened in 1984 include kids in the hobby, but not by patronizing them; seeking new collectors and helping them get started; emphasize the many good numismatic books now on the market. The books can be purchased by coin clubs for gifts to libraries and given as awards in display competition."

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T.J. Bennington of Tyler, TNA District 12 governor, says: "Interest will go up, but only if we can create enough interest to stimulate those outside the current circle of collectors. We will need more clubs and stronger clubs with exciting meetings to attract and hold new collectors. It can be done but it will have to be a unified effort between the clubs, collectors and dealers."

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"Interest is on the way up," wrote Fred Clark who recently launched Clark's Rare Coins in San Angelo. Fred continues: "For sure in the lower grade type coins. We will con-

*(Continued on page 28)*

# THE STORY BEHIND THE COIN

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## THE WIDOW'S MITE — WHAT WAS IT?

I'm not sure that this story will answer the above question. I tried to obtain whatever information I could, and, truthfully, there was not much.

My copy of the Holy Bible is an unauthorized King James version - red letter edition. It is possibly older than many of you reading this story. I have enjoyed reading the Bible - the Old and New Testaments - especially EZEKIEL, Chapter 1, Verse 1, and Chapter 10, Verse 10. This book describes the meeting of the Prophet Ezekiel and the "wheel within the wheel." The author of the best seller "Chariot of the Gods" claims that Ezekiel was describing his encounter with a "space traveler." At least that is what Van Daniken implies; that Ezekiel saw the UFO with someone aboard. The book advances the theory that Earth has been visited by travelers from outer space for thousands of years. Fact or fiction? God only knows - and He won't tell!

In reading the Gospel, according to St. Mark, Chapter 12, Verse 41, it states: "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury; and many that were rich cast in



Lee Grossman

much."

And Verse 42 reads: "And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing."

Jesus then told his disciples that "the rich has cast in from their abundance, but the widow had cast in all that she had." (St. Mark: Chapter 12: Verse 44)

Mel Wacks is an authority on ancient biblical coinage and has a column "Biblical Numismatics" in **World Coin News**. In his story in the August 24, 1982 issue, he writes that "no one type (coin) can be specified with a degree of certainty since coins circulated for a long time and many different types from the Maccabees to the Hadrians and Procurators were in use at the time of Jesus."

Wacks further points out that the Jewish Temple would be more apt to take only the Hasmonaeans (Maccabees) coins with their Hebrew inscriptions than the newer Greek inscribed coins. He also indicated that any of the small bronzes issued by the Maccabees would be good candidates for the "Widow's Mite." Wacks wrote "Most often this type coin, issued by Alexander Jannaeus (103-76 B.C.) is referred to as the most probable Widow's Mite." He did not dispute St. Mark, Chapter 12, Verse 42, relative to "two mites, which makes a farthing."

My Bible indicates that St. Mark,

Chapter 12, took place in 33 A.D. Further, St. Matthew, Chapter 5, Verse 26 reads "Verily I say unto thee, thou shalt by no means come out thence, till thou has paid the uttermost farthing." This was spoken by Jesus in 31 A.D. In St. Luke, Chapter 12, Verse 6, Jesus remarks "Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God?" This also occurred in 33 A.D.

Some experts are of the opinion that the mites were leptons, the smallest bronze coins used in Greece. Mel Wacks doubts this. But what of the expression "farthing?" No where can I find mention of farthings in 31 or 33 A.D., except in the King James version of the Bible. According to those translators, a mite would be equal to 1/2 farthing. (St. Mark, Chapter 12, Verse 42)

About five or six years ago, I seem to recall reading an article by a Louis Haynes, in **COINS Magazine**, about the phrase "farthing." I believe he mentioned the derivation of the word as being from the Anglo-Saxon word "feathering," meaning one fourth. Seems as though Haynes said something about the fact that prior to the 1250s A.D., the only "featherings" were the quarter pieces that were cut from the silver pennies. I also have read some articles that say the first "farthings" were coined during the reign of England's King Edward I. (1272-1307 A.D.)

I doubt that the term "farthing" was used or even known in 31 or 33 A.D. I feel it was merely the inter-

pretations of the English translators in an attempt to put a value to the mite - be it a lepton or Hasmonaean bronze - in order that readers of the King James translation, would have an idea as to the coin's value during their time period. Based on this assumption, the "Widow's Mite" was one-eighth of an English penny.

**THE JERUSALEM BIBLE**, edited in Paris, France, shows Mark: xii:41-42-43, in this manner - "He sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the treasury, and many of the rich put in a great deal. A poor widow came and put in two small coins, the equivalent of a penny." Note that this version used the word "penny" instead of "farthing." Hard to believe that English coinage 12 centuries later showed that a farthing was one-fourth of a penny.

To further confuse my research, the **NEW WESTMINSTER DICTIONARY OF THE BIBLE**, edited by Henry Snider Gehmas in 1970, contained some startling revelations. The volume states that the lepton, a small copper coin, was called a "mite." However, it was **NOT** a lepton of the Greek system, but was the smallest copper coin in circulation at the time in Jedaean. It was apparently a Jewish coin, for only Jewish money was allowed to be offered in the Temple, and it was probably "a copper coin issued by John Hyrcanus or another Maccabean prince." The value is estimated at 1/8 cent and equal to half of a quadran. A quadran was 1/4 part of



an As or 1/4 cent. Translations changed quadran to "farthing" and "penny."

During the first century A.D., money of the Roman Empire circulated. The denarius (the basic unit in the New Testament) was a silver coin and "was the day's wages of a rural worker." It was equivalent to about 16 cents, and was on par with the silver drachma.

The Roman As (the Greek name was Assarion) was a small copper coin worth 1/16 of a denarius or about one cent.

Odd as it may seem, the denarius, as and quadran are also called "farthings" and "penny" in the modern versions of the Holy Bible. St. Luke, Chapter 12, Verse 59 refers to the "mite," while St. Matthew, Chapter 5, Verse 26 refers to the "farthing."

Apparently, in the Eastern provinces, coinage of small values was locally minted by the ruling dynasty, by procurators or by cities, in rough conformity with the As.

The Hasmonaeen Dynasty began with Mattathias and his sons, who fled into the hills to escape the Seleucid rule. He died soon after (about 166 B.C.) and his third son, Judas Maccabaeus, succeeded him. Maccabaeus meant "The Hammerer." Judas was probably one of the great generals in Jewish history. In 165 B.C., he led his insurgent army into Jerusalem, purified the Temple (used for Greek rites during the preceding three years), and restored the Jewish ritual. This purification and restoration is commemorated by the Jewish festival called Hanukkah.

Jonathan, youngest son of Matta-

thias, succeeded Judas, who was killed in 161 B.C. He continued the fighting for many years. A pretender to the Syrian throne, decided to crush the Jewish power. Jonathan was taken prisoner and executed in 142 B.C. Simon Maccabee, second son of Mattathias, succeeded Jonathan. Simon was chosen by the Jewish people to be high priest and civil governor. After six years of prosperous rule, Simon was treacherously assassinated by his son-in-law, who was his chief rival for power. Simon's son, John Hyrcanus, succeeded his father, and ruled from 134 to 104 B.C. He refused to be proclaimed as King of Judaea, and was content to rule over a court. He designated himself as high priest and leader of the Jewish commonwealth. He also had coins struck with his name on them. His son, Aristobulus I, succeeded him and ruled as King of Judaea for a year.

Alexander Jannaeus, brother of Aristobulus I, succeeded him in 103 B.C. he became king and high priest through marriage to his brother's widow and followed his father's (John Hyrcanus) policies in conquering surrounding territories, and extending the boundaries of the Hasmonaeen kingdom to their furthest points. He was considered to be dictatorial and ruthless, and his reign was marked by intrigues and internal strife. He was killed in battle in 76 B.C. He was succeeded by his widow, Salome Alexandra, who ruled as Queen of Judaea from 76 B.C. to her death in 67 B.C. Her sons, Hyrcanus II and Aristobulus II fought each other for years to seize



control, but finally agreed to rule jointly. When Aristobulus II died in 40 B.C., his son, Antigonos II, seized Hyrcanus II and exiled his uncle and family. He proclaimed himself King of Judaea, but the next year, Herod the Great was declared King. Antigonos was captured and put to death in 37 B.C. Hyrcanus II was allowed back, but became involved in an intrigue against Herod and was charged with participating in a conspiracy and was executed in 30 B.C., thus ending the Hasmonaeen Dynasty.

The coin I have is a small copper coin attributed to Alexander Jan-naeus, King of Judaea from 103 to 76 B.C. It is in only fair condition and is considered to be a "widow's mite." It was purchased from a reputable dealer, who deals in ancient coins. Most coins considered to be mites are fairly reasonable in price. Those in good and very good condition can be bought for under \$25.

Many thanks to Father Charles Miller and Ms Dixie Wilson, of the Theology Graduate Academic Dept.,

St. Mary's University, San Antonio, Tx. for their assistance in helping research some of the data in the university's fine library.

I also wish to express my thanks and appreciation to Mel Wacks and Louis Haynes for some of the information I got from their excellent articles in **World Coin News** and **COINS Magazine**. Last but not least, "merci beaucoup" to John G. Cull, Ph.D. for his recommendations regarding research material.

After all this research, what do we know about the "Widow's Mite?" Well, it probably is a Hasmonaeen small copper coin known as a lepton, but called a "mite" and a coin that would have readily been accepted by the Jews in their temple, and probably **NOT** a Roman As or a Greek Lepton. Further, that the value of a "mite" was about 1/8 cent.

After all the reading I've done on this subject and the help I've received from experts in this field, I can accept the above. The question now is: Do you?



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## TIM'S KOIN KORNER

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Cleaning a rare coin hurts the value, in the opinion of many dealers and collectors. The first thing to remember, is don't clean a coin unless you know what you are doing. Dealers would rather buy dirty coins and clean them themselves.

One thing you learn as a dealer, is that dirty coins just don't sell. While we were selling by mail from El Paso, we handled lots of Mexican coins. Many of them were filthy, and naturally we had to clean them. I even bought an ultra-sonic cleaner, we cleaned so many coins. Most of them were silver of course.

If a copper coin is black or corroded there is little you can do with it. A copper coin has to be brown, in my opinion, before I call it collectible. The only practical way to clean copper coins without ruining their value is to put a light coat of oil on them, such as olive oil, or **CARE**, available in any coin shop. After oiling, rub off the excess oil, and this of course removes the loose dirt and gives the coin a nice sheen. Don't do this to uncirculated coins that have lustre - only to circulated coins. Dipping a copper coin in acid, which also changes the color, definitely hurts the value of the coin.

There is little that can be done for corroded nickel coins. Heavy corrosion can be removed by a buffer with a copper brush, but this coin will never have much value.

Circulated silver coins can be cleaned by dipping in silver dip, then shine can be restored by rub-

bing with baking soda and water. An almost uncirculated coin just needs a quick dip and then a good rinsing. Blot it dry - don't rub, and make sure it is good and dry before putting it away or mounting in a holder. The original shine can be restored to proof silver coins by a quick dip in silver dip, rinsing and carefully blotting dry - don't rub. Never clean a coin that is toned. Many collectors will pay a premium for toned coins. A toned coin is one, such as an uncirculated silver dollar that has blue or purple color in it.

Very rare coins should not be cleaned. The best way to dispose of extremely rare coins is to consign them to a well-known coin auctioneer. They bring higher prices at the auctions than they will otherwise.

There is a new coin cleaner on the market called **CROW** that seems to be very good. Recently I noticed two 1980 proof half dollars in the old flip-its that contain PVC. The coins had a light film all over them. I gave them a quick dip in the **CROW** cleaner, rinsed dry, and they look as good as new. I had an 1882 Indian Head cent that I wanted to put in a "101 WISHES FOR A HAPPY BIRTHDAY" holder with an 1882 silver dollar, and I wanted to make the cent light enough to easily read the date. I gave it a quick dip in the **CROW** cleaner and it came out much lighter. We made up this set to give to a 101 year old lady in Kentucky.

## from the 2nd vice president

Texas Numismatic Association

Gerald W. Kendall  
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Now that 1983 is gone and 1984 is upon us, I'm sure that all is well with everyone. We have all those months of paying for the gifts which were given for Christmas of 1983. Those payments will stop just in time for those gifts for Christmas, 1984.

We can look forward to the postal rates being raised from 20 cents to 23 cents for a domestic letter. Naturally the efficiency rate of the good ole USPS will also rise as it has in the past with every other postage increase. Ho! Ho! Ho!

One thing we coin collectors will not be able to look forward to enjoying as do the stamp collectors, is the contest with USSR to see which can issue the most and expensive issues which are needed least. Do you know that the USPS in May of last year issued over 100 different stamps (if we count the two different perforation varieties)? What if the U.S. Mint issued 100 sets in a month? Most of us could not afford this kind of collecting.

My trusty crystal ball reveals that the year will be good for the buyers but not too great for the sellers. However, this is what makes a collector. We do need the investor for, many times, he is the one who squirrels away those rolls and bags which come onto the market from time to time after the banks have long since depleted their vault stocks. These new finds come onto the market and keep the prices from going beyond the reach of many of the modest collectors and the youth.

Those rare coins will continue to be rare and the common coins will continue to be common and only the age-old law of supply and demand will keep the boat riding the waves. This, and hope, keep all of us going. If we could see the future, most of us would simply toss in the towel.

Anyway, I hope to see you all "The Day After." The day after January 1, 1984. So, trust you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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## from the secretary

Texas Numismatic Association

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Welcome to new members 4419-4424. If approved the following will become members February 1984.

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Postage .....	123.52	
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July 13-14 1984	Washington, D.C. METROPOLITAN WASH. NUMIS. ASSN.	May 21, 1984
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2. When and where are club meetings held?
3. Types of programs usually held.
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5. Did your club have any special guests during the year?
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8. Describe how your club meetings, and coin shows, if you hold any, are publicized.
9. During the past year, did your club or any member, have any special honor bestowed?
10. Describe any efforts your club has made to further and encourage numismatics, and to increase interest in the club.
11. During the past year what has your club done to increase membership?
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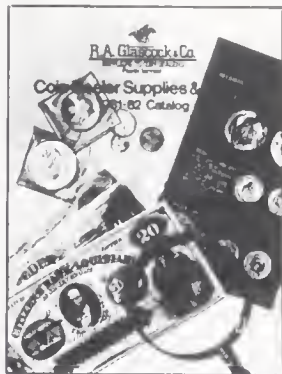
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## 1984 EVENTS

### JANUARY 27-29

**GREATER HOUSTON COIN CLUB**, 27th annual Money Show, Adam's Mark Hotel. **WRITE:** Club, Box 2963, Houston 77001.

### FEBRUARY 3-5

**INTERNATIONAL COIN CLUB**, 21st annual show, Rodeway Inn, Bassett Center. **WRITE:** Show Chairman, Box 3535, El Paso 79923.

### FEBRUARY 11-13

**GATEWAY COIN CLUB**, 6th annual show, Sheraton San Antonio Motel, **BOURSE:** George Dougherty, Box 21087, San Antonio 78222-0087.

### FEBRUARY 25-26

**MID-SEASON COIN & STAMP SHOW**, 2nd annual, Ft. Worth, Green Oaks Motor Inn, 6901 West Freeway. **CONTACT:** Joe Wade, 6420 Diamond Loch, Ft. Worth 76118.

### MARCH 10-11

**GREATER PORT ARTHUR COIN CLUB**, annual show, OCAW Hall. Details later.

### MARCH 24-25

**WACO COIN CLUB**, annual coin & stamp show, Waco Convention Center, Texas Room. **WRITE:** Aubrey Carpenter, Box 8014, Waco 76714-8014, 817/776-0068.

### MARCH 29-APRIL 1

**SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL NUMISMATICS, SINCON XV**, Airport Park Hotel, Inglewood, CA.

### MAY 4-6

**TEXAS NUMISMATIC ASSN.**, annual convention, Civic Center, Amarillo. Headquarters: Quality Inn. **BOURSE:** Homer Dotts, 1315 Dahlia, Amarillo 79107. (806. 383-8680 or 355-5053)

### AUGUST 31-SEPT. 2

**DALLAS COIN CLUB**, annual show, Holiday Inn Crowne Plaza, 4099 Valley View Lane. **WRITE:** Dallas Coin Club Show, Box 7673, Dallas 75209.

### SEPTEMBER 8-9

**ROSE CITY COIN CLUB**, 5th annual show, Harvey Hall, W. Front St., Tyler. **WRITE:** T.J. Bennington, Rt. 11 Box 247, Tyler 75709.

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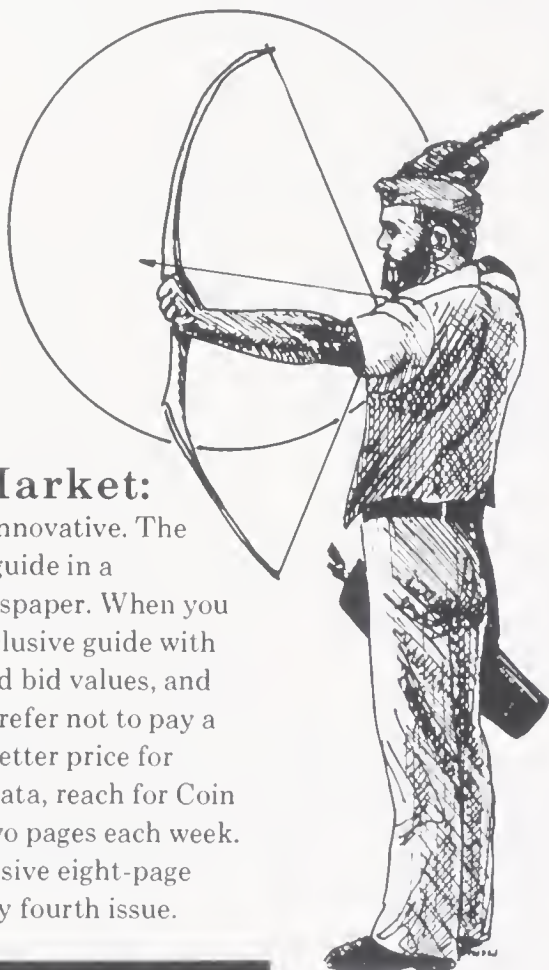
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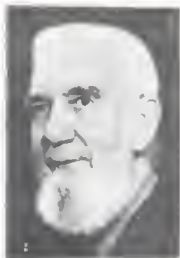
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# TEXAS

## District Meetings

### DISTRICT IV —

New officers to serve **Waco Coin Club** are: Joe Olsen, president; Robert Schuetze, 1st vice president, J. P. Jones, 2nd vice president and program chairman; Lloyd Brown, secretary; and Jerry D. Kammer, treasurer.



Dr. Robert Greenwood  
Governor

The November 10 meeting was held at T. P. & L. Center.

Auhrey Carpenter, 1984 show chairman, announced that it had become possible to reschedule the 1984 show to the normal date. The 7th annual show will be held in the Texas Room of Waco Convention Center on March 24-25. For more information write Carpenter at Box 8014, Waco 76714-8014.

Special guests for the evening were 13 members of Boy Scout Troop #214 along with Assistant Scout Master Rick Sweeney and Ross Wood, parent of one of the Scouts. Joe Olsen expressed the club's interest in introducing Scouts to coin collecting and assisting any who might be working toward earning the coin collecting Merit Badge. Each Scout was presented several foreign coins,

courtesy of Mal Lucas. Among door prize winners was Scout Mike Hesser, and winning other prizes were Scout Jason Arhagh and Asst. Sc. Master Sweeney. - **J.P. Jones, V. Pres.**

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### DISTRICT V —

Officers for 1984 will be installed during the annual Christmas party hosted by **Garland Coin Club** and they include: Barney Welch, president; Ed Edinger, vice president; Lucretia Johnson, secretary-treasurer; and Alfred Bromberg, George Johnson, directors. Johnson was presented an ANA Educational Award for his program at a recent meeting.

A Christmas party was planned for December 10, and C. C. Andrews conducted the auction. Lucretia Johnson won the door prize.

Barney Welch handed out copies of an article written by one who has been dealing with gold and silver for some time. Included were some basic rules to follow when buying the precious metal in coins or bullion. - **Lucretia Johnson, Sec.**

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**Dallas Coin Club** welcomes new officers which include William Marr, president; Ron Blaha, vice presi-

dent, and Ben Hong, secretary-treasurer. A Christmas dinner was planned for December 15 at Holiday Inn Central. The book **Early Coins of America** was donated by club members to Dallas Public Library.

Tim Lee presented an ANA slide program on "Morgan Dollar Varieties." The slides showed die varieties that deviated from the normal design of the coin, including mint mark variations, doubled dies, etc.

Barney Welch was in charge of the auction and Lee won the door prize.  
**Frank Clark, Sec.**

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#### **DISTRICT VI —**

Speaker for the meeting of **Greater Houston Coin Club** meeting was John Zanders, president of **Pasadena Coin Club**. He spoke on "The Testing of Precious Metals."

During the business session, a Christmas party was planned by the 24 members present, and orders for past presidents' medals and Life Membership cards were discussed.  
**Melvin L. Neal, Sec.**

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The first session on U.S. coin grading was considered a success at the **Bellaire Coin Club** meeting. Much discussion was generated on the difference of the old Brown & Dunn grading method and the ANA numerical grading method. A definite preference could not be determined, but it tended to reveal that both methods had real merit, with Brown & Dunn simpler.

The club planned a Christmas celebration with a covered dish supper followed by games. The party will be

held on December 19. On December 5 the group was to firm up a date for the 1984 coin show. - **Club Bulletin**.

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#### **DISTRICT VII —**

A holiday party was planned by members of **Alamo Coin Club** of San Antonio at the home of Homer Mason, club president, for December 8. Members and guests were to participate in a numismatic gift exchange.



**Frank Galindo**  
Governor

Lee Grossman was in charge of the November 10 meeting and gave a program on "Saarland - From a Country to a State by Vote." At the November 21 meeting, held at Wyatt's Cafeteria, the program topic was "A Short Smattering of Prussian History." - **Club Bulletin**.

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Rita Holmes was tops in the "Grading Quiz" held during the November 17 meeting of **Gateway Coin Club** of San Antonio. Rita took home a high quality 10 power magnifier. The quiz was to correctly grade five different coins using ANA standards.

Beginning in January, club members will be meeting at Denny's Restaurant on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at Loop 410 and Blanco Rd. Those who wish may be served dinner in the private dining area prior to the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

On December 1, Lee Grossman

gave a program on Switzerland, "The Country Named For One of Its Cantons."

The 1984 coin show sponsored by Gateway club will be on February 11-12 at Sheraton San Antonio, 1400 Austin Hwy. Dealers wishing to make bourse table reservations should write George Dougherty, Box 21087, San Antonio 78221. Frank Galindo, exhibits chairman, extends a special invitation to those wanting to enter an exhibit in the show. Write Frank at Box 12217, San Antonio 78212. - Club Bulletin.

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#### DISTRICT IX —

New officers take over their duties for South Plains Coin Club of Lubbock and heading the list is Max Hay-slip, president. Others elected are Lamonte Pitzer, vice president; and Doris Hay-slip, secretary-treasurer.



Ed Chauncey  
Governor

The November meeting was attended by 26 members and four guests. A Christmas party was planned for December 5 at International Airport Banquet Room and a charity auction with proceeds going to "Meals On Wheels of Lubbock."

Ed Chauncey and D. O. Joplin conducted the auction and Kurt McEnaney won the door prize. - Ed Chauncey, Gov. Dist. 9.

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"The Great Seal of the United States" was discussed by E. L. Pitzer at the November meeting of Lamb County Coin Club in Littlefield. A benefit auction was held to raise money to purchase a slide set for club use.

It was voted to discontinue membership in ANA until the club membership increased. Larry Sanderson placed an advertisement in the local paper to promote a membership drive. E. L. Merriott won the door prize and refreshments were served.

D. O. Joplin reminded everyone of the Levelland Christmas dinner and benefit auction for the Boys' Club on December 20. - Ed Chauncey, Gov. Dist. 9.

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#### DISTRICT XI —

It was announced at the Amarillo Coin Club meeting that Jim Jordan captured best in show at the recent Numismatics International Coin Exposition held in Dallas. Jim exhibited Queen Victoria coinage.



Nela Runkle  
Governor

Nela Runkle and Adi Cluck were presented silver dollars as awards for selling the most tickets for the club show drawing. Winning door prizes were Lenis Terry, Evelyn Billingsley, Ernest Cummings and Ali Cluck, who also won the junior drawing. Roy Wilson brought members



up to date on the market report

Homer Dotts gave a program on "The U.S. Olympic Dollars." - **Nela Runkle, Gov. Dist. 11.**

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## DISTRICT XII —

The November meeting of **Rose City Coin Club** of Tyler was held on an off-night (not the regular night) with 18 persons in attendance. The December meeting was to be held on the regular night.



**T. J. Bennington**  
Governor

A discussion was held on how to increase attendance at meetings and it was agreed that more publicity could be the key. An auction followed the meeting. - **T. J. Bennington, Gov. Dist. 12.**

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## DISTRICT XIII —

Members and guests at the **Wichita Falls Stamp & Coin Club** meeting learned about Christmas post cards from Carolyn Wilson who displayed part of her collection and told of the beginnings of sending greetings on post cards to friends. The first ones were sent in England in 1840 and the idea became more popular by 1860 and the advent of the penny post. Interestingly, religious themes were not often used. Mostly pictures of rosy-faced children which were favored by Queen Victoria, and animals were depicted. Dogs were very popular and "Robin Red breasts" were second. Santa Claus

was on some, but he did not look like Mr. Claus of today. All of the cards had the proper postage stamp affixed and the postmark authenticates the dates. Carolyn also had the pictures of other examples of early cards.

Members discussed plans for a stamp and coin show to be held in the spring and also helping with the **Red River Coin Club** show November 19-20. It was decided that the club would not sponsor sale of stamps from the Texas Philatelic circuit because there were not enough members who could monitor sales.

The nominating committee reported names presented for each office. The following were elected unanimously: Tom Eggleston, president; Carolyn Wilson, vice president; Lee Roy Anderson, secretary; and Logan Essex, treasurer. The new officers were to be installed at the December 15 dinner meeting at Luby's Cafeteria.

A coin and stamp auction was held after a coffee break. Thirty-two members and guests enjoyed the meeting. - **Pauline Copelin, Sec.**

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## DISTRICT XV —

Election of new officers took place at the November meeting of **Greater Orange Coin Club**. To serve will be Dale Schmidt, president, Dewey Scott, 1st vice president, Ski Ballowich, 2nd



**Jerry A. Williams**  
Governor

vice president; Lucy Canter, secretary; and Lavada Canter, treasurer.

The annual Christmas dinner was planned for December 8 at Ramada Inn and in lieu of a gift exchange, it was decided to award door prizes.

John Hicks gave a program on U.S. silver dollars. He stated that the first silver dollar was minted in 1794 which was the Flowing Hair type. He told of changes which had taken place up to the present dollar, it being the Susan B. Anthony.

Prize winners were Lavada Canter, Becky Scott, George May, Joyce Goddard and Dewey Scott. - **Lucy Canter, Sec.**

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March 10-11 are the dates selected for the annual coin show by members of **Greater Port Arthur Coin Club** to be held at OCAW Hall, 1500 Jefferson Dr. Dewey Scott, Box 1324, Orange 77630 is bourse chairman.

The November meeting was held in Beaumont in conjunction with **Greater Beaumont Coin Club's** annual auction. Russell Tritico and George May were named to head a committee to arrange a Christmas party. Appointed to the T. G. Brown Memorial committee were Tritico, Linda Dowden and May; and the nominating committee consisted of John Brown, Roy Tritico and Buck Dowden. - **William H. Stein, Sec.**

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A report on the recent coin show hosted by **Greater Beaumont Coin Club** was given by Jerry Williams. It was noted that attendance was low. For the 1984 show, a new

location will be sought

Glen Dowden gave a mini report on the Denver Museum of Natural History followed by the regular program by Bill Stein on die varieties.

Winning door prizes were George Fortune, Naomi Beck, Steve Pecora, George May and Glen Dowden. May led the auction. - **Club Bulletin.**

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tinue to have the silver boys around. This is taking a lot of the collectable coins from the market place. Even the lower grade dollars are getting harder to come by and the silver market keeps them from being available to the collectors.

"This is what I have seen from the last six months from the shows I have attended. There is a lot of interest in type material. Some interest has been shown in series collections of the half, quarter (Washington), and Peace dollar. This in Very Fine to AU. Here again the material is being closed in the silver market, making it harder for the collector to find anything that is real desirable.

"The mint and proof set market is slow and will remain that way until the mint starts producing mint sets again. Looks as though this might happen in 1984."

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## HANCOCK OUT OF HOSPITAL

Virgil Hancock, seriously injured in a fire at his home in Bellaire last July, has been released from a Houston hospital and is now resting comfortably at St. Anthony's Home in Houston.

Virgil can have visitors (10 a.m. - 12 noon, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.) so if you are in the neighborhood, drop by and have a chat. St. Anthony's Home is located at 6301 Alameda Rd. and Virgil is in room 614. If unable to visit, drop him a card, cheer him up and let him know how much we all miss him. Mailing zip is 77021.

## MINI NEWS TIME!

The 1984 Texas Numismatic Association convention is nearer than one may think. May 4, 5, 6 will find us all in Amarillo attending the 26th convention, so . . .

It's time once again to begin preparations on the Mini News - a pocket-size booklet familiarizing visitors with TNA, its history and advantages of being a member.

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Quality Inn has been designated as convention headquarters. Special room rates are available and reservations should be made as early as possible. The Inn is located at 2915 Interstate 40 East, Amarillo 79104, or phone 806 372-8101. The Governors and Club Representatives, and the awards' breakfasts will both be held at Quality Inn.

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GATEWAY COIN CLUB meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays 7:30 p.m. at Denny's Restaurant, Loop 410 & Blanco Rd. Dinner prior if desired.

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P O Box 2963  
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Meets the second Thursday of each month in T & L Auditorium located on the corner of South Broadway & Fifth St. at 7 p.m.

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### MEETING EVERY TUESDAY!

In the Corpus Christi area there is a coin club meeting every Tuesday night with Corpus Christi and Liberty Coin Clubs meeting alternate Tuesdays, Wilson Tower, Exxon Conference Room, 10th Floor.

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

## Charter Membership Open In LN Society

Those joining the newly organized **Latvian Numismatic Society** before January 31, 1984 will become charter members, according to Al Loja, editor of the Society's quarterly newsletter.

The **Latvian Numismatic Society** was formed on September 15, 1983 and is dedicated to provide collectors of Latvian numismatic material information usually unavailable in the English language. In addition, the Society hopes to advance the knowledge of Latvian history and its people, especially as this history relates to the field of numismatics.

The Society will publish a quarterly newsletter, **Journal of the Latvian Numismatic Society**, which will serve as a communications vehicle among members. Subjects covered in the Journal will be coins, currency, medals and decorations of any period made or used in the area known before World War II as the Republic of Latvia.

Anyone interested in joining the LNS should write to: LNS, 2022 Ottawa Lane, Houston 77043. Annual membership dues are \$10 for persons with United States or Canadian addresses and \$12.50 for others. Charter membership closes January 31.



# **WACO COIN CLUB**

## **Annual Coin & Stamp Show**

### **MARCH 24, 25, 1984**

**Waco Convention Center, Texas Room**

**100 WASHINGTON AVE.  
WACO, TEXAS**

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**BOURSE AND EXHIBITS**

**FREE ADMISSION**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24 — 10 A.M. to 6 P.M.  
SUNDAY, MARCH 25 — 10 A.M. to 5 P.M.**

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1804 13 Stars  
1806/5  
1808  
1826  
1834 With Motto

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1795 Heraldic Eagle  
1797 All Types  
1798 Small Eagle  
1810 Small Date, Small 5  
1810 Large Date, Small 5  
1815  
1819 Both Types  
1822  
1825/4  
1826  
1827  
1828 Both Types  
1829 Both Types  
1832 12 Stars

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1797 Small Eagle  
1798 Both Types  
1804

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